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SUBJ: TUNGSTEN: CONSUMER-PRODUCER PROCEDURAL DECISION FOR
TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD

1. ITEM 4 (OTHER BUSINESS) ON THE AGENDA OF THE 8TH
SPECIAL SESSION OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD RELATED
TO A REQUEST BY THE TUNGSTEN PRODUCING COUNTRIES THAT THE
TDB CONVENE A CONFERENCE TO NEGOTIATE AN INTERNATIONAL
AGREEMENT ON TUNGSTEN. THE PRESIDENT OF THE TDB REQUESTED
THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSUMING AND PRODUCING COUNTRIES
CONSULT INFORMALLY AND SEEK TO PREPARE A DRAFT PROCEDURAL
DECISION WHICH HE COULD SUBMIT TO THE TDB. AFTER THREE
FULL DAYS OF MEETINGS, CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS AGREED ON
THE TEXT REPEATED BELOW.

2. PRESIDENT WILL SUBMIT THIS TEXT TO PLENARY OF TDB ON
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FRIDAY, APRIL 29 AND WE ASSUME IT WILL BE ACCEPTED ALTHOUGH
THE STATEMENTS CALLING FOR MEETINGS AND ACTION BY TDB
BY CERTAIN DATES MAY CAUSE SOME DIFFICULTIES AS SUCH
REQUESTS ARE NOT USUALLY PHRASED IN SUCH SPECIFIC TERMS.

3. SEPTTEL ON DETAILS OF NEGOTIATIONS ON TEXT WILL
FOLLOW.

4. BEGIN TEXT:

THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD TO CONVENE AN AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP OF EXPERTS ON TUNGSTEN TO EXAMINE AND ASSESS PROPOSALS FOR THE STABILIZATION OF THE WORLD TUNGSTEN MARKET. IN PARTICULAR, THE EXPERTS ARE TO UNDERTAKE AN IN-DEPTH EXAMINATION OF THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT'S PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN TD/B/C.1/TUNGSTEN/21, THE PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD BY THE TUNGSTEN PRODUCING COUNTRIES AT THE TENTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON TUNGSTEN (TD/B/C.1/204, ANNEX I) AND ANY OTHER PROPOSALS WHICH PARTICIPANTS WISH TO SUBMIT. SUCH OTHER PROPOSALS MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT FOR CIRCULATION TO THE GROUP OF EXPERTS NO LATER THAN AT ITS FIRST MEETING, WHICH IF POSSIBLE SHOULD BE HELD IN JULY 1977.

THE GROUP OF EXPERTS IS TO PREPARE A REPORT INCLUDING CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE OUTCOME OF ITS WORK FOR CIRCULATION TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON TUNGSTEN BY 15 JANUARY 1978.

THE COMMITTEE ON TUNGSTEN SHOULD, IF POSSIBLE, BE CONVENED IN SPECIAL SESSION BY FEBRUARY 1978 TO MEET AS A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE REPORT OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS. THE FINDINGS OF THAT MEETING SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO A SESSION OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO BE HELD NOT LATER THAN APRIL 1978 IN ORDER THAT IT

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MAY TAKE A DECISION ON THE HOLDING OF A NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE ON TUNGSTEN. IF IT IS DECIDED THAT SUCH A CONFERENCE SHOULD TAKE PLACE, IT SHOULD BE HELD BEFORE JULY 1978.

THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES ARE INVITED TO CONSTITUTE THE GROUP OF EXPERTS.....

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